

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for distributing and printing packets of information to individual receiver/printer terminals at cooperating retail locations, said system including:

means for creating said packets of information in a digital format;

a wireless network for transmitting said packets of information to said retail locations;

and

a network of dedicated, standardized high-speed printer appliances at said retail locations, each of said appliances being adapted to:

receive said transmitted packets of information from said wireless network;

select and accept those packets of information intended for each of said receiver/printer terminals from all those received;

process and store said accepted packets of information;

convert said accepted packets of information into a printable format at each individual receiver/printer terminal;

receive and process a request to print said accepted packets of information at individual receiver/printer terminals;

automatically print said accepted packets in response to said request; and prevent misuse and unauthorized copying of said packets of information;

wherein each of said printer appliances further includes a sensor adapted to detect whether said printed packet has been removed from said appliance.

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

In claim 4, line 1, replace “3” with --1--.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for distributing packets of information to individual receiver/printer terminals at cooperating retail locations, said system including:

- means for creating said packets of information in digital format;
- means for identifying intended recipients of said packets of information;
- means for establishing a sequence of distribution of said packets of information;
- a wireless network for transmitting said packets of information to said retail locations;

and

- a network of dedicated, standardized high-speed printer appliances at said retail locations, each of said appliances being adapted to:
 - receive said transmitted packets of information from said wireless network;
 - select and accept those packets of information intended for each of said receiver/printer terminals from all those received;
 - process and store said accepted packets of information;
 - convert said accepted packets of information into a printable format at each individual receiver/printer terminal;
 - receive and process a request to print accepted packets of information at individual receiver/printer terminals;
 - automatically print said accepted packets in response to said request; and
 - prevent misuse and unauthorized copying of said packets of information;

wherein said means for identifying including a database manager having a directory of all printer appliances and means for identifying those printer appliances to which each of said packets are intended to be distributed.

Cancel claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please rewrite claim 21 as follows:

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for distributing packets of information to individual receiver/printer terminals at cooperating retail locations, said method including the steps of:

creating said packets of information in a digital format;

transmitting said packets of information to a network of dedicated, standardized high-speed printer appliances at said retail locations over a wireless network;

receiving said transmitted packets of information from said wireless network at accepted appliances;

processing and storing selected packets of information from all those received;

converting said accepted packets of information into a printable format at each individual receiver/printer terminal;

receiving and processing a request to print said accepted packets of information at individual receiver/printer terminals;

automatically printing said accepted packets in response to said request; [and]

preventing misuse and unauthorized copying of said packets of information; and

COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for distributing and printing packets of
2 information to individual receiver/printer terminals at cooperating retail locations, said system
3 including:

4 means for creating said packets of information in a digital format;

5 a wireless network for transmitting said packets of information to said retail locations;

6 and

7 a network of dedicated, standardized high-speed printer appliances at said retail locations,
8 each of said appliances being adapted to:

9 receive said transmitted packets of information from said wireless network;

10 select and accept those packets of information intended for each of said

11 receiver/printer terminals from all those received;

12 process and store said accepted packets of information;

13 convert said accepted packets of information into a printable format at each
14 individual receiver/printer terminal;

15 receive and process a request to print said accepted packets of information at
16 individual receiver/printer terminals;

17 automatically print said accepted packets in response to said request; and
18 prevent misuse and unauthorized copying of said packets of information;

19 wherein each of said printer appliances further includes a sensor adapted to detect
20 whether said printed packet has been removed from said appliance.

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22 2. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 1, wherein said packets of information are
23 redeemable retail coupons.

1 3. (CANCELED)

1 4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein said printer appliance
2 further includes means for printing an additional copy of said packet upon detection by said
3 sensor that said printed packet has been removed from said appliance.

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5 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for distributing packets of information to
6 individual receiver/printer terminals at cooperating retail locations, said system including:
7 means for creating said packets of information in digital format;
8 means for identifying intended recipients of said packets of information;
9 means for establishing a sequence of distribution of said packets of information;
10 a wireless network for transmitting said packets of information to said retail locations;
11 and
12 a network of dedicated, standardized high-speed printer appliances at said retail locations,
13 each of said appliances being adapted to:
14 receive said transmitted packets of information from said wireless network;
15 select and accept those packets of information intended for each of said
16 receiver/printer terminals from all those received;
17 process and store said accepted packets of information;

18 convert said accepted packets of information into a printable format at each
19 individual receiver/printer terminal;

20 receive and process a request to print accepted packets of information at
21 individual receiver/printer terminals;

22 automatically print said accepted packets in response to said request; and

23 prevent misuse and unauthorized copying of said packets of information;

24 wherein said means for identifying including a database manager having a directory of all
25 printer appliances and means for identifying those printer appliances to which each of said
26 packets are intended to be distributed.

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28 6. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 5, wherein said packets of information are
29 redeemable retail coupons.

1 7. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 5, wherein said means for creating includes means
2 for importing textual and graphic information relating to said packets.

1 8. (CANCELED)

1 9. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 5, wherein said means for sequencing comprises a
2 transmission sequence compiler.

10. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 5, wherein said wireless network comprises at least one wireless pager.

11. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 5, wherein each of said printer appliances further includes a sensor adapted to detect whether said printed packet has been removed from said appliance.

12. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 11, wherein said printer appliance further includes means for printing an additional copy of said packet upon detection by said sensor that said printed packet has been removed from said appliance.

13. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 1, wherein said printer appliance further includes a motion detector to detect the presence of an individual in the immediate proximity of said appliance and means to display a stimulus upon the detection of the presence of said individual.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for distributing packets of information to individual receiver/printer terminals at cooperating retail locations, said method including the steps of:

creating said packets of information in a digital format;

transmitting said packets of information to a network of dedicated, standardized high-speed printer appliances at said retail locations over a wireless network;

receiving said transmitted packets of information from said wireless network at accepted
appliances;
processing and storing selected packets of information from all those received;
converting said accepted packets of information into a printable format at each
individual receiver/printer terminal;
receiving and processing a request to print said accepted packets of information at
individual receiver/printer terminals;
automatically printing said accepted packets in response to said request; ~~and~~
preventing misuse and unauthorized copying of said packets of information; and
detecting the removal of said printed packet from said appliance and thereafter printing an
additional copy of said packet.

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22. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 21, wherein said packets are redeemable retail
coupons.

23. (CANCELED).

24. (ORIGINAL) A method for distributing redeemable retail coupons to individuals at
selected retail locations, said method including:
creating said coupons in a digital format;
transmitting said coupons to a network of printer appliances at said locations over a
wireless network;

33 selectively receiving, processing and storing said transmitted coupons at selected
34 appliances;
35 converting said coupons into a printed format for distribution to said individuals; and
36 detecting the removal of a printed coupon from said appliance and thereafter printing an
37 additional coupon for distribution.

1 25. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 24, further including providing audio and visual
2 stimulus means to enhance the appeal of the printer appliance and to encourage consumers to
3 accept said coupon and motion sensor to activate audio and visual stimulus.

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